

Bishopsmead Play Area



Site	Bishopsmead Play Area	
1	Planning History - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Does the sites have an extant planning permission, which can still be implemented and would conflict with a Local Green Space designation? <i>(If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation)</i>	N
	Has the site been allocated for an incompatible Local Green Space use? <i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i>	N
	Any further points to raise from the Strategic Land Availability Assessment?	

2	Other Designations - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<p>Is the site covered by any of the following designations?</p> <p>Special Areas of Conservation; Special Protection Areas; Sites of Special Scientific Interest; Registered Parks and Gardens; Local Nature Reserves; Registered village greens; Common land; Strategic Green Space; Minerals Safeguarding Area</p> <p><i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i></p>	N
3	Proximity to Community - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<p>Is the site within 240m radius of 10 dwellings or more?</p> <p><i>If yes, the site is considered suitable for Local Green Space Designation due to its proximity to the community it serves</i></p>	Y
4	Local Character and Not Extensive Tract of Land - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	<p>Is the site, or adjacent green spaces appropriate for Local Green Space taken together, larger than 10ha?</p> <p><i>If yes, the site is considered not suitable for Local Green Space Designation</i></p>	N
	<p>How does the site relate to the local area? Does the site feel part of the local area? Does the site connect physically, visually and/or socially to the area? Is the site distinct from its context by virtue of its size, land type or landscape features, e.g. what are its boundary conditions?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p> <p>The site is a grassed space surrounded on three sides by residential dwellings which back onto it, forming a boundary. It is bounded on the east side by a footpath. It sits centrally in a residential estate, forming a communal/social space.</p>	
	<p>The site should not be an extensive tract of land. How large is the site in comparison to the community it serves and areas of land in the vicinity?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p> <p>The site is 0.26 Ha compared to a parish area of 1,330 Ha.</p>	
	<p>Is the extent of the size reasonable for its potential designation as a Local Green Space - How has the size of the site been decided? Does the site follow natural features or existing constraints? Does the whole site justify allocation as Local Green Space or is some of the site unnecessarily included? Is the site unusually large for its use?</p> <p><i>Please provide justification below:</i></p>	

	The site is defined by its land use and boundaries as described above.	
5	Particular Local Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
5.1	Beauty - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is the site discernibly beautiful or more beautiful than the surrounding areas? <i>While not designed as an ornamental park, the variety of trees and shrubs gives more colour and interest than on the streets of 1960s(?) estate it is in.</i>	Y
	Site visibility - Is the site visible from a public place? Are there views of the site from any key locations? <i>Surrounded on 3 sides by houses which back on to it, so not from the street. Fourth side is a footway which connects two streets – is visible from that.</i>	Y
	Is the site (or type of landscape) specifically mentioned in any relevant landscape character assessments, conservation area appraisals or similar documents?	N
	Is the site covered by any landscape or similar designations?	N
	Are there any cultural references to the site's scenic quality?	N
	Does the site bring interest from further afield to the local area?	N
	Does the green space help to improve the overall appearance of the area by means of its features? <i>Location means it is only seen by those using the short footpath which passes it. Other green spaces on this estate (eg beside the Tiddybrook) contribute more to the overall appearance.</i>	N
5.2	Historic Significance - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	Are there any historic buildings, features or remains on the site? For example, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, and war memorials.	N
	Are there any historic landscape features on the site? For example, old hedgerows, ancient trees, historic ponds, historic garden features, ancient woodlands.	N
	Did the site play an important role in the historic development of the village or town? For example, part of the grounds for the manor house, site of an old railway station, village green.	N

	Did any important historic events take place on the site? Is there a longstanding event which takes place on the site? For example, fete's, well-dressing, maypole dancing, pace egg rolling, plays, market	N
5.3	Recreational Value - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for playing sport or is it included in the playing pitch strategy to deliver sports provisions? <i>Sufficient open grassed space for informal ball games, but not for team sports.</i>	N
	Which Sport?	
	Is this sports provision free?	
	Is it good quality?	
	Are there better facilities nearby?	
	Does the Green space incorporate play provision or is it included in the play strategy to deliver new play provision? What is the quality of the play area? <i>Variety of play equipment, including fenced off area for small children and a swing suitable for disabled people. (See photos).</i>	Y
	Are there any other play provisions within a 240m for local playable space or 600m for strategic play space? <i>While there are other open grass areas on the estate, they do not have play equipment and are too near water or roads to be suitable for ball games.</i>	N
	Is there evidence or is it feasible that the site is used for informal recreation? Can the site be accessed easily? Are there desire-lines present on site? <i>Reasonably central to estate, which is on level ground and has good pedestrian access and a few minutes safe walk from primary school.</i>	Y
	Does the site incorporate any recreational routes, e.g. bridleways, PRoWs, National Cycle Routes, key pedestrian and cycle links? <i>No path through. However NCN 27 runs nearby.</i>	N
5.4	Tranquillity - Does it meet LGS criteria?	Y
	Is the site considered to be tranquil? If yes, what features make it feel tranquil? <i>Location means no roads visible from within it, and no sources of noise. Sheltered from wind.</i>	Y
	Does it enhance the feeling of tranquillity within the local area through a feeling of remoteness?	N
	Does it provide an area of tranquillity within a busy setting by hiding man-made structures such as roads, power-lines or lighting and by reducing the appearance of noise and light impacts?	N
5.5	Richness in Wildlife - Does it meet LGS criteria?	N
	Is the site formally designated for its wildlife value?	N
	If the site is not formally designated, is there any evidence that there are important habitats or species found on the site?	N

	Have ecological surveys been undertaken on or close to the site? <i>Possibly either as school project or in connection with planning applications for alterations to surrounding houses.</i>	N
	Has the site been defined as part of the JLP biodiversity network? Is the site adjacent to a designated site?	N
	Is there any evidence, or is it likely that other wildlife of interest has been found on the site? Are there ancient hedgerows, woodland, veteran trees on the site? <i>Likely that there is wildlife, as this site has been in current use for around 60 years and has a variety of trees and areas of shrub providing suitable context.</i>	
6	Evidence of Local Support and Alternate Green Space Provision - Is there sufficient current evidence of Local Support?	Y
	<i>Plaques on site record past contributions from primary school and Lions Club to tree planting and play equipment.</i>	
7	Could the site help to mitigate against the effects of climate change on the local community? Does the site have the local community? sufficient landscape qualities that could help tackle climate change?	Y
	<i>Contributes to drainage of an estate which has had past flooding issues. Trees and shrubs provide shade in hot weather.</i>	Y
8	Does the site include any landscape features that could help build resilience to climate change challenges? Does the site have sufficient landscape features that could build resilience to climate change?	Y
	<i>As above</i>	
9	Conclusion - Should site be considered for allocation?	Y
	<i>Spacious and varied play area within a mid 20th century estate, with variety of trees on site. The newer estates further south, and likely to be built on the other side of Plymouth Road, do not have the same scale of play provision or communal green space at the same scale, so also benefit from this one, which is close to walking routes from residential areas to schools and shops.</i>	Y